

# Supplementary Materials: Identification of Factors Influencing Locations of Tree Cover Loss and Gain and their Spatio-Temporally-Variant Importance in the Li River Basin, China. *Remote Sens.* 2016, 8, 201.

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**Table S1.** The path/row number, acquisition time, sensor and processing level of each Landsat scene.

| Year | Path/Row | Acquisition Time (Year/Month/Day) | Sensor         | Processing Level |
|------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1991 | 124/42   | 30 October 1991                   | Landsat 5 TM   | Level 1G         |
|      | 124/43   | 30 October 1991                   |                |                  |
|      | 125/42   | 13 September 1989                 |                |                  |
|      | 125/43   | 5 October 1991                    |                |                  |
| 2002 | 124/42   | 12 October 2002                   | Landsat 5 TM   | Level 1T         |
|      | 124/43   | 12 October 2002                   |                |                  |
|      | 125/42   | 1 September 2002                  |                |                  |
|      | 125/43   | 11 October 2002                   | Landsat 7 ETM+ |                  |
| 2013 | 124/42   | 26 October 2013                   | Landsat 8 OLI  |                  |
|      | 124/43   | 26 October 2013                   |                |                  |
|      | 125/42   | 4 December 2013                   |                |                  |
|      | 125/43   | 4 December 2013                   |                |                  |

**Table S2.** The confusion matrices for accuracy assessment of the six land cover classification images <sup>a</sup>.

| 1991                          |        |        |        |              |                 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Actual Class \ Classification | Forest | Water  | Urban  | Unclassified | User's Accuracy |
| Forest                        | 199    | 2      | 2      | 19           | 89.64%          |
| Water                         | 0      | 15     | 0      | 0            | 100%            |
| Urban                         | 3      | 4      | 53     | 3            | 84.13%          |
| Unclassified                  | 6      | 2      | 2      | 62           | 86.11%          |
| Producer's Accuracy           | 95.67% | 65.22% | 92.98% | 73.81%       | 88.44%          |
| 2002                          |        |        |        |              |                 |
| Actual Class \ Classification | Forest | Water  | Urban  | Unclassified | User's Accuracy |
| Forest                        | 187    | 4      | 0      | 17           | 89.90%          |
| Water                         | 0      | 12     | 0      | 0            | 100%            |
| Urban                         | 0      | 2      | 36     | 6            | 81.82%          |
| Unclassified                  | 4      | 0      | 4      | 54           | 87.10%          |
| Producer's Accuracy           | 97.91% | 66.67% | 90%    | 70.13%       | 88.65%          |

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| 2013                              |        |        |        |              |                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Actual<br>Class<br>Classification | Forest | Water  | Urban  | Unclassified | User's Accuracy |
| Forest                            | 272    | 0      | 0      | 12           | 95.77%          |
| Water                             | 0      | 13     | 0      | 0            | 100%            |
| Urban                             | 4      | 4      | 94     | 20           | 77.05%          |
| Unclassified                      | 10     | 0      | 10     | 100          | 83.33%          |
| Producer's Accuracy               | 95.10% | 76.47% | 90.38% | 75.76%       | 88.87%          |

<sup>a</sup> For the 2013 land cover classification image, 69 points were validated via ground truthing, and 470 were validated via photointerpretation of Google Earth images. For the 1991 and 2002 land cover classification images, 372 and 326 points were validated via the county-level land use maps, field interviews, yearbooks and historical documents.

**Table S3.** Standardized variable importance and the Out-of-bag (OOB) errors of tree cover loss models. Variable importance was quantified by the mean decrease in accuracy. The OOB errors were achieved with the set of important factors. The background of important factors was colored in grey, and the three most important factors were marked in bold.

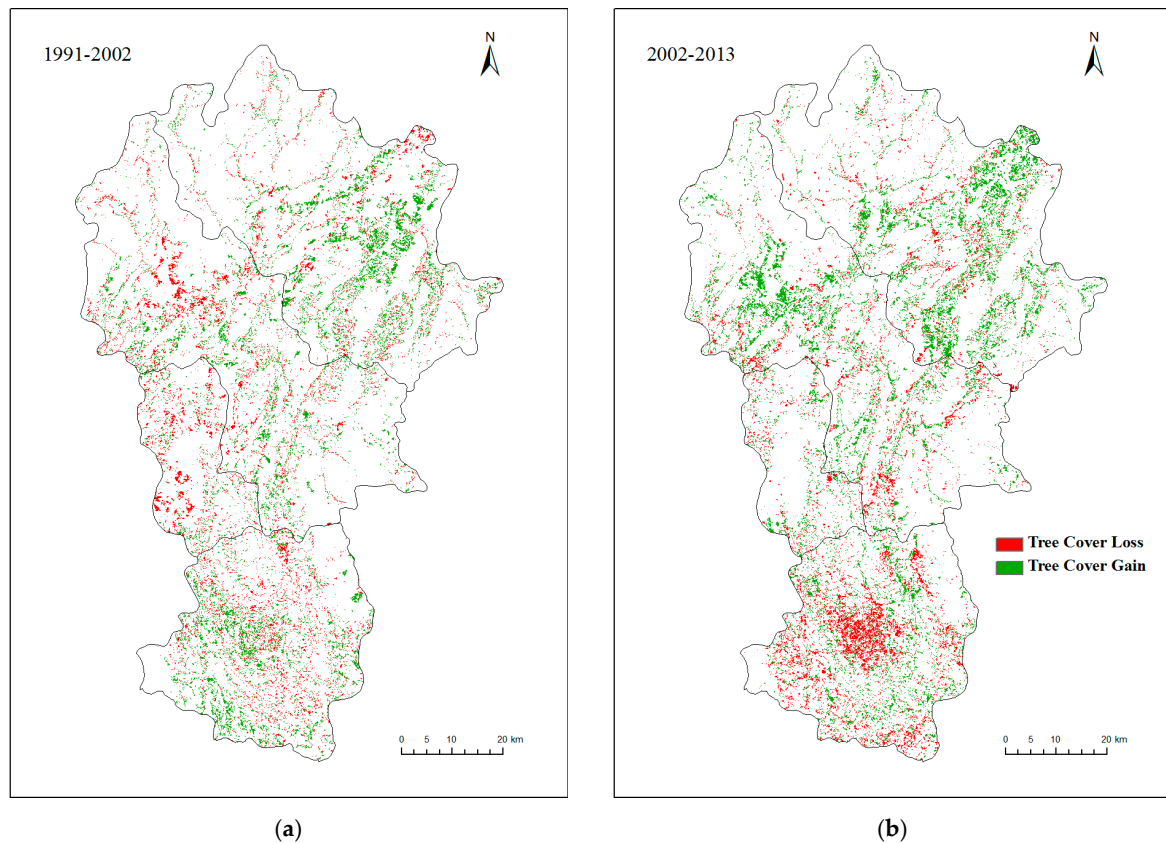
| Factors     | Pooled      | GL          | YS          | XA          | LC          | 1991–2002   | 2002–2013   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Init_LC_MAJ | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_LC_VAR | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_LC_CS  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_LC_HTG | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_DIS_WT | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_DIS_UB | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.04        | 0.03        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Init_DIS_OT | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.02        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_ED     | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_PL_TC  | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.03        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_PL_WT  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_PL_UB  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_PL_OT  | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| ELEV        | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> |
| SLOPE       | 0.28        | 0.15        | 0.46        | 0.45        | 0.27        | 0.26        | 0.39        |
| ASPECT      | 0.01        | 0.03        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.02        |
| GEOM        | <b>0.53</b> | <b>0.26</b> | <b>0.71</b> | <b>0.97</b> | <b>0.47</b> | <b>0.42</b> | <b>0.91</b> |
| SOIL        | 0.22        | 0.01        | 0.46        | 0.22        | 0.08        | 0.18        | 0.31        |
| TEMP_MEAN   | <b>0.44</b> | <b>0.27</b> | 0.25        | <b>0.48</b> | <b>0.39</b> | <b>0.33</b> | <b>0.72</b> |
| TEMP_STD    | 0.07        | 0.11        | 0.28        | 0.18        | 0.13        | 0.07        | 0.19        |
| PRCP_MEAN   | 0.08        | 0.05        | 0.14        | 0.06        | 0.04        | 0.05        | 0.21        |
| PRCP_STD    | 0.15        | 0.08        | 0.11        | 0.11        | 0.07        | 0.06        | 0.39        |
| DIS_RD      | 0.13        | 0.03        | 0.13        | 0.33        | 0.08        | 0.15        | 0.15        |
| DIS_NRD     | 0.08        | 0.09        | 0.22        | 0.08        | 0.06        | 0.05        | 0.12        |
| DIS_PRD     | 0.07        | 0.05        | 0.15        | 0.09        | 0.03        | 0.03        | 0.15        |
| DIS_CRD     | 0.09        | 0.03        | 0.07        | 0.21        | 0.07        | 0.06        | 0.10        |
| DIS_HW      | 0.10        | 0.03        | 0.11        | 0.09        | 0.07        | 0.07        | 0.18        |
| DIS_RAIL    | 0.07        | 0.04        | 0.17        | 0.14        | 0.04        | 0.04        | 0.18        |
| DIS_PTS     | 0.13        | 0.02        | 0.10        | 0.07        | 0.10        | 0.06        | 0.31        |
| DIS_ATTRC   | 0.06        | 0.01        | 0.09        | 0.08        | 0.08        | 0.04        | 0.12        |
| DIS_ST      | 0.05        | 0.04        | 0.09        | 0.09        | 0.07        | 0.09        | 0.05        |

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| Factors                     | Pooled | GL    | YS    | XA    | LC    | 1991–2002 | 2002–2013 |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| ST_DEN                      | 0.10   | 0.03  | 0.23  | 0.18  | 0.12  | 0.11      | 0.18      |
| RD_DEN                      | 0.07   | 0.02  | 0.13  | 0.11  | 0.13  | 0.09      | 0.10      |
| Out-of-bag (OOB) errors (%) | 22.43  | 22.14 | 22.31 | 22.37 | 22.23 | 21.98     | 22.47     |
| Number of important factors | 13     | 22    | 19    | 17    | 12    | 26        | 12        |

**Table S4.** Standardized variable importance and the Out-of-bag (OOB) errors of tree cover gain models. Variable importance was quantified by the mean decrease in accuracy. The OOB errors were achieved with the set of important factors. The background of important factors was colored in grey, and the three most important factors were marked in bold.

| Factors                     | Pooled      | GL          | YS          | XA          | LC          | 1991–2002   | 2002–2013   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Init_LC                     | 0.30        | 0.02        | 0.20        | 0.27        | <b>0.45</b> | 0.08        | <b>0.72</b> |
| Init_LC_MAJ                 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.02        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Init_LC_VAR                 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_LC_CS                  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_LC_HTG                 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_DIS_TC                 | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_DIS_WT                 | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.06        | 0.02        | 0.02        | 0.00        | 0.02        |
| Init_DIS_UB                 | 0.05        | 0.01        | 0.06        | 0.10        | 0.04        | 0.00        | 0.02        |
| Init_DIS_OT                 | 0.00        | 0.02        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_ED                     | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_PL_TC                  | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Init_PL_WT                  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Init_PL_UB                  | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        |
| Init_PL_OT                  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00        |
| ELEV                        | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> |
| SLOPE                       | 0.26        | 0.22        | <b>0.41</b> | <b>0.39</b> | 0.23        | 0.32        | 0.26        |
| ASPECT                      | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| GEOM                        | <b>0.66</b> | <b>0.52</b> | <b>0.87</b> | <b>0.63</b> | <b>0.82</b> | <b>0.51</b> | <b>0.74</b> |
| SOIL                        | 0.13        | 0.08        | 0.12        | 0.10        | 0.28        | 0.12        | 0.19        |
| TEMP_MEAN                   | <b>0.39</b> | <b>0.35</b> | 0.29        | 0.35        | 0.42        | <b>0.32</b> | 0.65        |
| TEMP_STD                    | 0.10        | 0.07        | 0.20        | 0.23        | 0.15        | 0.15        | 0.14        |
| PRCP_MEAN                   | 0.12        | 0.07        | 0.06        | 0.08        | 0.10        | 0.10        | 0.25        |
| PRCP_STD                    | 0.14        | 0.10        | 0.07        | 0.06        | 0.10        | 0.11        | 0.29        |
| DIS_RD                      | 0.05        | 0.00        | 0.03        | 0.08        | 0.08        | 0.02        | 0.09        |
| DIS_NRD                     | 0.15        | 0.09        | 0.04        | 0.20        | 0.15        | 0.12        | 0.26        |
| DIS_PRD                     | 0.08        | 0.08        | 0.19        | 0.11        | 0.08        | 0.06        | 0.13        |
| DIS_CRD                     | 0.03        | 0.01        | 0.03        | 0.05        | 0.09        | 0.02        | 0.07        |
| DIS_HW                      | 0.13        | 0.03        | 0.05        | 0.17        | 0.20        | 0.11        | 0.37        |
| DIS_RAIL                    | 0.09        | 0.11        | 0.08        | 0.12        | 0.21        | 0.09        | 0.13        |
| DIS_PTS                     | 0.08        | 0.12        | 0.13        | 0.08        | 0.16        | 0.10        | 0.12        |
| DIS_ATTRC                   | 0.16        | 0.02        | 0.03        | 0.10        | 0.12        | 0.08        | 0.37        |
| DIS_ST                      | 0.08        | 0.02        | 0.03        | 0.15        | 0.14        | 0.04        | 0.15        |
| ST_DEN                      | 0.06        | 0.02        | 0.07        | 0.10        | 0.11        | 0.05        | 0.08        |
| RD_DEN                      | 0.14        | 0.02        | 0.05        | 0.05        | 0.26        | 0.17        | 0.25        |
| Out-of-bag (OOB) errors (%) | 28.22       | 27.93       | 28.14       | 28.29       | 28.35       | 28.04       | 28.25       |
| Number of important factors | 17          | 23          | 19          | 20          | 29          | 28          | 33          |



**Figure S1.** Area of tree cover loss and gain within the LRB for the periods of 1991 through 2002 (a); and 2002 through 2013 (b).



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